(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Top Position of India and Brazil in Unnecessary Drugs

2382. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'Indian Express' of 12th December, 1985 under the caption "India and Brazil top in unnecessary drug";

(b) whether it is a fact that an Asian seminar on "pharmaceuticals and the poor" was recently held at Madras;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the seminar concluded with the recommendation to Government for adopting rational policies, banning unnecessary harmful formulations and irrational combinations;

(d) whether Government have received the details of deliberations of the Seminar;

(e) if so, what are the main suggestion and recommendations; and

(f) what action has been taken or propose to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Formulation of Ethyloestrenon, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol and DES Hexoestrol in the country

2383. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether marketing of medicines based on Ethyloestrenol, Methandieone, Stanozolol, Dienoestrol, Diethylstilboestrol, DES hexoestrol are either banned or allowed use on very restricted basis in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are reports that use of these drugs cause cancer;

(c) the names of the formulations being marketed in our country based on these drugs;

(d) whether any medicines based on these drugs were banned;

(e) if so, the names of the drugs and when; and

(f) what steps have been taken to ban or restrict the use of these drugs?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) M/s Ciba-Geigy, Basle, Switzerland had taken a decision to withdraw voluntarily their anabolic steroid preparations methandienone (brand name Dianabol) from the world market. We do not have information regarding other drugs being banned or their use restricted in other countries. We are not aware of any report on cancer being caused by the use of these drugs

(c) As licences for manufacture and sale of formulations are granted by the State Drugs Control Authorities, we do not have the names of all the formulations marketed in our country containing these drugs.

(d) to (f) The I.C.M.R. who were requested to review the position regarding the use of anabolic steroids in therapy were of the view that there

was no cause for banning anabolic steroids which constitute a useful class of drugs. On the advice of the ICMR the single ingredient preparations of anabolic steroids are allowed for continued marketing subject to specific indications and guidelines for use. Indications and warning are being included in the package insert. However, based on the recommendations made by the medical experts, the manufacture and sale of combinations of anabolic steroids with other drugs has been prohibited by the Government.

As per the information available, preparations containing Anabolic Steroids are being marketed in many developed and developing countries.

Circular Railway for Madras

2384. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 116 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th March, 1985 and state:

(a) what action has been taken on the preliminary study report on the Circular Railway for Madras;

(b) whether the detailed engineering survey has been undertaken, if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) if so, by when it will be completed and the amount sanctioned for the same and also the amount spent as on date on the project; and

(d) what are the consideration likely to be taken into while conducting this second detailed engineering feasibility study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The preliminary feasibility study report of Circular Railway for Madras has been examined by the Railway Board. Due to severe constraint in financial resources, it has been decided to consider taking up the detailed survey when the present RTS project has substantially progressed.

Manufacture of anti-leprosy vaccine in India

2385. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that anti-leprosy vaccine has been manufactured in India;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether this vaccine has been tested on human beings; and

(d) if so, the result thereof and by when it is likely to be introduced in the hospitals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) An active Research work is in progress to develop anti-leprosy vaccines by two Indian Scientists—one from the Cancer Research Institute, Bombay and the other from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. A third vaccine from killer M. Laprae is being considered for trial in India. The vaccine developed so far are under clinical trials for proving their efficacy and suitability for mass use. As leprosy has a long incubation period, it takes long to evaluate the efficacy of these vaccines. The question of introduction of these vaccines in Hospitals at this stage does not arise.

Accommodation for nurses in Delhi Hospitals

2386. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased